

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

In the first item of the Office Action, it is erroneously stated that claims 1-28 are presented for examination. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7 were presented for examination. Correction is respectfully requested.

Further according to the Office Action, it is alleged that the application contains claims directed to 2 patentably distinct inventions. To advance the prosecution of this application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, Applicants' claims are amended in accordance with the alleged Group II claims 1, 3-5 and 7. More specifically, claim 2 was amended to be included in Group II alleged in the Office Action. It is assumed that claim 6, dependent from claim 1, was also included in this group, as it was entirely omitted from the Office Action. Clarification is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now drawn to an apparatus/method for decoding a stream of data, classified in class 380, sub-class 202, as explicitly stated in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is, therefore, respectfully requested, and examination on the merits is initiated in the expeditious manner.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. If there are any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Office Action.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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